

# The Pilot

November 2023



Charminster, Charlton Down and Stinsford

# DEAR COMMUNITY,

November has arrived with a bang and our villages are bursting with activities and events for us all.

The Pet of the Month is back with the wonderful Harley.

There's also music from the 20 to 1 Big Band at Herrison Hall and a Christmas Fayre at St Mary's Church to look forward to.

As always, we are forever grateful to all our contributors for sending us such wonderful articles each month – keep them coming!!!

Best wishes,  
**Mel and Claire**



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## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING IN CHARMINSTER.

A coffee morning held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support made a whopping £1,050 – which was then matched by a great donation from Charminster Farm builders Wyatts to bring the total to £2100! Hostess Jane Baskett, well-known around the village as the Evri parcel deliverer, was thrilled with the support from local people, helpers on the day and for the many donations of cakes and prizes. Jane, who has lost relatives to cancer, said her last two annual Macmillan coffee mornings had both raised more than £300. "So this year has been absolutely fantastic. Thanks so much to everyone who came along and for all the donations – especially the generosity of Wyatts." she said.



Pictured is Jane (far left) and helpers at the event which attracted nearly 50 local people.

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# QUIZ

## NOVEMBER 2023

It won't take long to spot the theme of this month's quiz, but it's not that simple. All answers must be two words or more.

1. Devon famer who emigrated to Australia and founded a world-famous winemakers.
2. Hollywood comedy duo whose catchphrase was "That's another fine mess you've got me into."
3. A plant that lasts three seasons or more and that can withstand freezing temperatures.
4. Fashion designer who was Queen Elizabeth's official dresser for more than 50 years.
5. French singer songwriter who wrote the sixties hit *All over the World*.
6. Tower shaped like a spyglass at the summit of Black Down near Portesham.
7. English actor who played Siegfried Farnon in the BBC television series *All Creatures Great and Small*.
8. Hampshire born comedian who was a regular on Radio 4 panel shows.
9. Doing things without fear or proper thought. Reckless or rash.
10. Poet who wrote *At Day-Close in November*.

Answers on page 30

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## CHARMINSTER BROWNIES

We had a brilliant end to our term, with a trip to the park for our promise evening, and welcoming new members. The weather was fantastic for this! We played in the park then made our Promise circle, bringing back some traditions and we used our new home-made promise pond.



Getting back with the new term we have decided to finally do a first aid badge, this one is more about first response, and to have a change with a bit of history!! The girls are doing their archaeology interest badge from their badge book too and we have visited the Roman Town House and did an archaeological dig! We hid a message and treasure in dirt boxes to dig out another time. We have been working hard and playing new games to get to know the newest members and sorting out sixes.

Thank you from Charminster Brownies



## CHARMINSTER GUIDES

The Guides ended last term relaxing around a campfire, cooking camp donuts and making S'mores. The weather was great and it was lovely to just chill and let our last evening go with a campfire sing song.

We have been very busy planning activities for this term and have started working on our Personal Brand: Who am I? What's my brand? The girls have made or done something they love being part of, organising from start to finish including baking a giant cookie!

We also had a fantastic evening doing Ringo at Warmwell, A well-deserved treat that the girls had earned from all the badge work they have completed over the past few terms. Having recharged and raring to go again we will be starting a new theme as well as continuing completion of themes already started. This is such a busy time for all!

If you would like to know any more about guiding, please log on to [www.Girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.Girlguiding.org.uk)



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## DORCHESTER TREFOIL

Dorchester Trefoil plants bulbs by Judy Thompson & Jeane Holmes

On the wettest, windiest day in September, 4 intrepid members of Dorchester (afternoon) Trefoil planted daffodil bulbs near the community allotments in Poundbury. They will look lovely next Spring! Look out for them.

I couldn't be there and asked when our bulb planting was now going to be and I was surprised and impressed that it had gone ahead as planned:- because it was all arranged and was 'for the community'. Jeane commented 'We were all soaked but found it fun all the same!' Bulb planting is one of the options in Trefoil's 80th Birthday Challenge – and when 8 clauses are completed we gain a badge!

Trefoil, which is part of Girlguiding, enjoys taking part in activities for the community, whether or not there is a badge involved. Our knitting project for the hospital has been on-going for 4 years now with over 200 lap and memory blankets, 150 shawls and 100 twiddlemuffs donated to the elderly/dementia and stroke wards at Dorset County Hospital. Not all our 'knitters' are part of Trefoil, so if you fancy knitting or crocheting squares (to sew into a blanket), shawls, whole blankets or twiddlemuffs, just e-mail Judy Thompson on:- [jct19336@gmail.com](mailto:jct19336@gmail.com) or telephone Jeane Holmes on 01305 753417. Donations of wool, especially double knitting wool are also appreciated – and we can collect.

Our afternoon group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.15 for 2.30pm start in St George's Church hall. We usually have a speaker and there is always tea and chat. Why not come along – you will receive a warm welcome. Our next speaker is from Mencap and in November, Linda Gundry is going to entertain us with amusing poetry and chat. We also meet up for coffee monthly and have a knit and natter group. Our evening section meets on the third Tuesday of each month in various places and enjoys activities such as meals out and skittles. Contact Judy or Jeane above for more information.



**CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2023**  
**The Benefice of Charminster, Stinsford & The Chalk Stream Churches**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – ALL SOULS**  
**At St Mary's Church, Charminster**  
**6.00 pm - All Souls Service**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – All Saints**

Bradford Peverell	4.00 pm	Soul Food
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
	NO SERVICE	
Frampton	NO SERVICE	
Stinsford	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stratton	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sydling St Nicholas	6.30 pm	Evensong

**12<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday/Trinity 23**

Bradford Peverell	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance (CW)
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance
	11.15 am	Holy Communion (CW)
	4.00 pm	Evensong
Frampton	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance
Stinsford	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance
Stratton	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance
Sydling St Nicholas	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (CW)

**19<sup>th</sup> November – Trinity 24**

Bradford Peverell	11.00 am	P & W!
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
	NO SERVICE	
Frampton	NO SERVICE	
Stinsford	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stratton	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sydling St Nicholas	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)

**26<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King**

Bradford Peverell	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with Baptism</i>
Frampton	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with Baptism</i>
Stinsford	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Stratton	NO SERVICE	
Sydling St Nicholas	NO SERVICE	
Stinsford	4.00 pm	Evensong



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT  
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**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023  
11.00 am to 3.00 pm**



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ST MARY'S CHARMINSTER CHRISTMAS FAIRE - SATURDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER "HELP LIST"

*As you'll appreciate, we'll need lots of help for this important Fund Raising event, please. There are several ways in which you could help. Here are a few suggestions:-*

- 1) Help for Marilyn Taylor - she is on the lookout for decent sized cardboard boxes to assemble goods for transfer to the church*
- 2) Donate 6 mince pies for the Mulled Wine & Mince Pie stall (Andy Morgan)?*
- 3) Items for the "Gift Stalls" unwanted presents, nearly new items etc. BUT no jumble please, books, games/puzzles etc.*
- 4) We need lots of "bottle type" items for the Tombola stall*
- 5) We need lots of help on the afternoon of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November to set up the church (and bring goods down from Marilyn's house)*
- 6) Could you volunteer to make a cake for the cake stall (Pat Tinker)?*
- 7) Home-made jams/preserves/pickleschutneys etc. (Have you got a glut of tomatoes/courgettes???) - could you make a few jars?*
- 8) We'll need plenty of volunteers to man the stalls for all or part of the day (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November)*
- 9) Lots of help with clearing away and tidying the church from 3.00 pm*

***Please let Bernard or Pat know if you're able to contribute gifts, time or talents along with the times you will be available.***

*We hope to have include the following stalls:-*

*Toys, Puzzles and Games, New/Nearly new items, Crafts, Cards, Decorations, Gifts, Cakes, Preserves and Pickles etc., 'Winter Warmers', Bric-a-Brac, China and Glass, Books, Children's Corner - plus a Tombola and Mulled Wine and Mince Pies*

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Scottish country dancing, a weekly art group and WI crafting are all activities that currently take place at the hall. But the hall has two excellent table tennis tables and has recently hosted Tai Chi classes, roller disco sessions, and even dog training classes. Village Hall chairman, Nigel Kay says: "We're open to all ideas and will actively support anyone who wants to organise a regular event or activity."

The main hall is ideal for private parties and celebrations and the recently refurbished lounge makes an excellent meeting place for smaller groups, including book clubs.

The main hall can be booked for as little as £32, or £23 if you live in the village.

The village hall open morning is on Saturday, November 18th between 10 am and 1 pm. Come and try your hand at some of the activities that already take place at the hall, including table tennis. There'll be free refreshments and the return of our popular monthly book sale.

Check out the hall's ad in this edition of The Pilot for booking details.


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**is back at the village hall! Friday, December 1st is the date, so there'll be lots of Christmas-themed prizes. Doors open 6.30pm; eyes down at 7pm. There'll be the usual top-notch refreshments and a super raffle. All are welcome.**

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## CHARLTON DOWN CRICKET CLUB

It is a short dispatch this month as time has run away from me. Autumn is the time for our end of year awards and the annual hunt for trophies that have been stashed away somewhere and forgotten about. This year will be having some early food and drinks in Dorchester on 4th November before descending on the cricket club for the presentation in the evening. The Dorchester & District Evening Cricket League have already had their presentation night and special mention should go to Charlton Down CC's Sam Roles who won the Bugler Cup for highest overall run scorer. This was a particularly fine effort given the high quality bowling he was facing in Division 1. We will also have our AGM at the club on 25th November and have been busy getting the accounts up together in readiness.

Recently, we have been busy securing new sponsorship for the club in 2024 and beyond. We would like to say a massive thank you to RiskSTOP Group Ltd for their sponsorship of our main playing shirts, Selwood House Care Home for sponsoring our new training kit and Dorset Water Centre for sponsoring the kit for the Charlton Down Dragons – our new Under 9s and Under 11s teams. In addition Garden Maintenance by Woody will be helping keep our steep banks tidy, free of charge. Details of all our sponsors can be found on the club website [https://charltondown.play-cricket.com/web\\_pages/sponsors](https://charltondown.play-cricket.com/web_pages/sponsors)

Friday 10th November is going to be Spanish Night at the club – home cooked chorizo and butterbean stew (and a veggie/vegan option) and some sangria to help you forget winter is on the way. Also taking place in November will be the monthly Quiz Night and Prize Draw on Friday 24th Nov – always a good fun night.





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## STINSFORD NEWS

**We have now returned to our winter service times and Evensong is at 4.00 p.m.** Shirley Churchill has completed, would you believe, 12 months of Lay led Matins for which we thank her, not forgetting the tremendous support we get from our retired priests, Bruce Dixon, Dick Luther, Hugh Willis and the many evensongs with Rob van der Hart.

**September's weather held fine and warm for both the Sunday 24th September, our Harvest Festival and Patronal service and for our Michaelmas Fayre Fete on Saturday, 30th.** The Festival flowers were a pleasure to behold with so many contributing. We not only had good displays of flowers but plenty of fine fruit and vegetables with some cracking onions, and a sheaf of corn. Even my grandson's old tractor and trailer looked good adorned for the event. We celebrated the Harvest with our new Rector, Leila presiding and taking the service and as ever on these occasions with a little light convivial refreshment.

**The KMC floristry students made a visit and were quite fascinated by the range of colour.** Hopefully they will be making their contribution to our Christmas church decorations which are usually put together in early December.

**When Michaelmas Fayre day arrived** it was pleasingly dry and bright as things started going up early, much being brought in a few days before so all would be ready for the 11.00 am opening. The bar and the Barbecue were both up and ready with the Brace of Butchers burgers and sausages cooking which yet again sold out albeit having increased our order and the beer from the Convivial Rabbit was ready to pour. Jamies Jones was at hand to kick off proceedings with his demonstration of a chocolate cake with no flour, much admired by his audience and followed with such a round of applause. Our musicians Holy and Graham and local choir carried us through the day with a range of styles much to the enjoyment of those sitting in the courtyard taking tea and homemade cakes or enjoying watercress soup made for the day.

**Vintage and classic cars plus four motorcycles sparkled on the village green and in the car park.** Stalls flourished with plants from Nigel Hewish, Head Gardener at KMC and Derek Pride who with Betty ran the stall for us. Books sold very well as did the Bric-a-Brac and items on the "New to you" stall. As to skittles Mick Legg having drawn last year with Derek Pride, made a magnificent 18, 9 with the first two balls and a flopper with the third. **The six categories in the Fun Dog Show** were well supported and judged by our Rip Kirby to the amusement and laughter of all with the winners showing off their red and blue rosettes.

**In the church an enjoyable interlude came with a visit by the Purbeck Quire** dressed in 19th century costume bringing both their voices and instruments to

give us renditions of West Gallery music. Many visitors listened to those joyful tunes. If you want a further taste of such music or wish to know more check the Thomas Hardy Society website and book yourself on "Going the Rounds" a celebration of the Mellstock Quire on Christmas Eve from the novel "Under the Greenwood Tree"

And then to the Draw, so many prizes all contributed by parishioners and members of the congregation.

**What a day and our grateful thanks to all whether helping on stalls, offering donations or contributions to sell and those who came along to enjoy themselves and spend their money, and to those important unsung heroes who cannot be thanked enough. You would not notice the tremendous amount of hard work that makes it possible to run a Fayre such as this. The Final result was an all-time best of £2055, the first time we have exceeded £2000 at this venue.** We must thank Julien and Sophie Bailey for their gracious gift of the use of the Old Vicarage courtyard, a beautiful setting so enjoyed by our visitors.

**One should report on the annual Ride and Stride event which took place on such a hot day this year** where we had only half of last year's number visiting. I think many reduced the number of churches they visited.

**I have noted that it was at this time last year that I recorded our application for a faculty to raise a memorial stone to Bill Jesty** in thanks for all the hard work he put into the church over many years and please see the photograph of the family and tablet when it was uncovered.

**A diary date to remember is the last Saturday in November** which will see our Parish Christmas Fair held inside St. Michaels, with an array of Christmas ideas plus light refreshments and an opportunity to sit and chat.

Michael Clarke



## Pet of the Month ...

Harley is 7 years old and is the family dog. He loves being spoilt by neighbours giving him treats and is looking forward to winter walks in the woods.

Harley, the gentlest and most loving Labrador, who loves long walks in the evenings around Meadow View and North Street.



## CHARMINSTER COMMUNITY HALL DEFIBRILLATOR

The Defibrillator has now been installed to the right hand side of the Charminster Community Hall.

**Thank you to everyone who have donated to this great cause.**



## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Thomas Hardy emigrated in 1850 and started Hardy's wines
2. Laurel and Hardy
3. A hardy perennial
4. Sir Hardy Amies
5. Françoise Hardy
6. The Hardy Monument, erected in memory of Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Hardy, flag captain of Admiral Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar.
7. Robert Hardy
8. Jeremy Hardy
9. Being foolhardy
10. Thomas Hardy

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The hall is run by Caroline, our assistant parish clerk, who can be contacted at [communityhall@charminster.info](mailto:communityhall@charminster.info) or call/text 07947 622326.

There is a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/charminstercommunityhall/](http://www.facebook.com/charminstercommunityhall/) with more information and photographs and details of classes and events that you might like to join.

Recent bookings have been from users as diverse as Pilates classes, badminton, children's parties, Charminster WI, yoga, Mini Ballers, Charminster Book Club, Dorset Council Early Help, British Horse Society, St. Mary's Church, craft fairs and Wellness Workshops.

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